

HOUSE BILL 1454

By Faison

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54
and Title 55, relative to operation of motorcycles
on public highways.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, on interstate highways and
limited access multilane divided highways where the posted speed limit is fifty miles per
hour (50 mph) or more, if the speed of traffic moving in the same direction is twenty-five
miles per hour (25 mph) or less, then the operator of a motorcycle that has two (2)
wheels in contact with the ground may travel between rows of stopped or moving
vehicles in the same lane. A motorcycle may be operated pursuant to this subsection
(a) at a rate no more than ten miles per hour (10 mph) faster than the flow of traffic.

(b) A person operating a vehicle that is adjacent to or near a motorcycle
traveling between rows of stopped or moving vehicles pursuant to subsection (a), and
the person operating the motorcycle, shall exercise due care and obey all traffic laws,
applicable rules of the road, and laws relating to the safe operation of the vehicle or
motorcycle.

(c) The operation of a vehicle between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the
same lane on a public road, street, or highway other than a motorcycle authorized on
interstate highways and limited access multilane divided highways pursuant to
subsection (a) is an offense punishable as a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.